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In re Application of

George A. Provost et al

Application No. 09/745,786

Filed: December 21, 2000

Attorney Docket No. 05918-083002

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 14, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on March 8, 2004 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8859.

The examiner of Technology Center AU 1732 will consider the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

Karen Creasy

Petitions Examiner

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The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).



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: April 20, 2004

TO

: Director, Office of Patent Publication

FROM

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SUBJECT

Withdrawal from Issue of

Applicant(s)

:Thomas G. Lacey et al

Application No.

:09/745,786

Filed

:December 21, 2000

The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 6,726,867 and an issue date of April 27, 2004.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant.

Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of April 27, 2004:

"All reference to Patent No. 6,726,867 to Thomas G. Lacey et al of New Hampshire for MOLDING OF FASTENING HOOKS AND OTHER DEVICES appearing in the Official Gazette of April 27, 2004 should be deleted since no patent was granted."

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